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TAGS: PINS, AF, FR
SUBJECT: QUAT VIEW OF AFGHANISTAN COUP
REF: KABUL 6200
SUGGEST DEPT. MAY WISH PASS KABUL

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() DOWNGRADE TO () SECRET () SECRET

1. ENDOFF PASSED TEXT:

THANKS FOR US ASSISTANCE. [] WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE IT
HAD RECEIVED NO PRIOR MESSAGE [] AND HAD BEEN
PREPARING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL EDUCATION DELEGATION FOR VISIT
TO AFGHANISTAN NEXT WEEK.

2. [] THOUGHT MOST SIGNIFICANT--AND DISQUIETING--
INFORMATION WAS [] VIEW THAT DAQUD'S COUP WAS BASED
ON THE MILITARY--PRESUMABLY YOUNG, PROGRESSIVE OFFICERS
TRAINED IN USSR. [] SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS
ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED THE COUP. SINCE DAQUD HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED
WITH POLICY OF "RAPPROCHEMENT" WITH USSR IN PRE-1963 PERIOD,
[] THOUGHT COUP WOULD ADD FURTHER ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY
TO THE AREA. -
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